

Weekly Status & Information Report: January 21 - 25, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of January 28, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, January 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Committee on the Environment meeting, Monday, January 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Small Community Grant Review Committee meeting, Thursday, January 31, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room.

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Tenant Summit - Saturday, January 26: Tenants who want to meet other Takoma Park tenants, learn more about their rights, or want more information on how to form a tenant association are invited to attend a Tenant Summit that will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue) on Saturday, January 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Azalea Room. Rozanne Look and Mario Cristaldo, the City's tenant capacity builders invite you to join the group and share your ideas on tenant rights in Takoma Park. Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch. In case of heavy snow, please call the Recreation inclement weather hotline at 301.891.7101 ext 5605 to check for building closures. www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events (Housing and Community Development)

3. The Faces of Takoma Reception - Saturday, January 26: Celebrate the completion of this two-year long, 100 portrait project "Takoma Park: A Portrait." Are you one of the one hundred? Some of you have grown up, some of you have moved on, some of you have simply disappeared. Now that the project is completed, come get back in touch and celebrate! Music, food and remarks by the Mayor. Saturday, January 26 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Computer Learning Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events (Housing and Community Development)

4. An Evening of Japanese Drumming - Saturday, January 26: "We are Takoma" promises a dynamic high energy evening of passion, power and precision with Kizuna the DC-based trio whose members collectively bring over thirty years of diverse taiko experience to the stage. Saturday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue). Suggested donation \$10 - \$15. www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events (Housing and Community Development)

5. Celebrating Spring: On Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. -9:00p.m., Historic Takoma honors the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library with a program entitled: "A Celebration of Spring for Poetry in Takoma Park" -- there will be a poetry reading, brief video, and light refreshments. Space is limited, so come early! A Window Exhibit, "To Mark our Course," presenting poetry posters of "Spring for Poetry in Takoma Park," has been designed and installed by Susan Robb and will be up until mid-February. In the words of the poet Shelley, "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Historic Takoma: 7328 Carroll Avenue, www.historictakoma.org. For more information, contact Diana Kohn, 240-393-6060, or Lorraine Pearsall, 240-678-8255. (Library)

6. Bedtime Stories: Join Ms. Karen for our monthly Bedtime Story Hour on Monday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. A program of stories, rhymes and songs --perfect for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. Wear your p.j.'s and bring a favorite stuffed toy. Registration not required. (Library)

7. Passion in the Court of the Virgin Queen - Saturday, February 9: The lute songs and solos of this "We are Takoma" program come from the musical treasury of late 16th and early 17th century England, a time when music, poetry, and drama flourished as never before (and, perhaps, since). Drawing on this exquisite repertoire, mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead and lutenist Howard Bass present a pre-Valentine's Day story of love in four short acts, encompassing passionate beginnings, courtship, disappointment, and the ever-hoped-for happy ending. Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events (Housing and Community Development)

8. Valentine's Day: Kids, don't buy valentines! Instead, come and make some of your own at our annual valentine-making program on Saturday, February 9, from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We'll supply all the materials - you supply the creativity. All ages are welcome; even babies can "make" valentines with an adult willing to trace their hand or foot to create a one-of-a-kind keepsake. It's all free and loads of fun, but registration is required so that we can be sure to have enough supplies for everyone. To register, go to: www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents, or call us at 301-891-7259. (Library)

9. Caldecott Birthday Club: Come and read the winner of the 2013 Caldecott Medal at our next Caldecott Birthday Club meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. The winner of the Caldecott Medal, given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated children's book, will be announced on January 28. At our February meeting, we'll also look at some of the Caldecott Medal and Honor books from the 1980's, including "The Polar Express" and "Jumanji," both written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg. Lemonade and cookies will be served. All ages welcome, no registration required. (Library)

10. Comics Jam: Read any good comics lately? Come and check out the latest in the comics world at our next monthly "Comics Jam" program on Tuesday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m. Dave Burbank will read comics on the big screen. Kids also are invited to bring some of their favorites to read with Dave, or have him read them aloud to the group. No registration required. (Library)

11. Reading Group: Also on February 12 the Friends Reading Group will meet to discuss "Death comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather. The New York Times called it "a truly remarkable book...soaked through and through with atmosphere..." All are invited to this discussion which will take place in the Hydrangea Room at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available in the Library. (Library)

12. The Galleries at the Community Center: Check out the exhibits in the galleries, up through the end of February. The exhibits feature artists: Alice Shih (Gallery 3), Mohamed "Amdy" Adje (Atrium Gallery), Michael Harrington (Dempsey Memorial Gallery), and Thien Nguyen (Corridor Gallery). The Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission. www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/event (Housing and Community Development).

13. Start the New Year Off with Jazzercise: Jazzercise is offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) on Monday & Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. This is a class that combines the art of Jazz with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70 minute class includes easy to follow fun aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength, and stretching exercises all to the beat of great music. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

14. Teen Attend the Wizards Game: Last week 20 teens attended the Washington Wizards vs. Orlando Magic NBA game. Teens had a blast watching the players up close during warm-ups and received memorabilia as a bonus. (Recreation)

15. Teens Welcome New Staff: On Friday, January 25, the Recreation Department welcomed three new part-time staff to work with our teens. They are looking forward to a training and getting to know the kids. Please stop by the Teen Lounge and welcome our new staff. (Recreation)

16. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (January 18-24, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathyplevy.blogspot.com/2013/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_25.html. (Police)

17. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 170 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic, five warrant arrests from traffic, and one vehicle impound.

January 18, 2013

- Ethan Allen venue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

January 19, 2013

- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

January 22, 2013

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Hilltop Road & Maple Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued seven State citations and two warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

January 23, 2013

- Hilltop Road & Maple Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one warning.

January 24, 2013

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six warnings.
- Hilltop Road and Male Avenue (do not enter sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations and five warnings. (Police)

18. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of January 22-24

State citations: 27

Calls for service: 9

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 6

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 1

Warnings: 11

Foot patrol: 3 hours

(Police)